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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJECT: JOINT COMMISSION: PROCEDURAL MATTERS

REF: TEHRAN 239

1. WE HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED GOI SUGGESTION THAT HOST GOVERNMENT FOR JOINT COMMISSION MEETINGS PAY FOR VISITING DELEGATION'S ACCOMMODATIONS AND AUTOMOBILE TRANSPORTATION (PARA 4 REFTEL). ALTHOUGH APPRECIATIVE OF IRANIAN REASONING, WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT IT IS PREFERABLE FOR EACH DELEGATION TO PAY ITS OWN EXPENSES.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM GOI IN APPROPRIATE MANNER THAT WE WILL EXPECT TO FOLLOW SAME SYSTEM WITH COMMISSION AS WITH COMMITTEE MEETINGS, WITH VISITING SIDE PAYING ITS OWN EXPENSES AND HOST SIDE PROVIDING CONFERENCE FACILITIES. YOU MAY WISH TO POINT OUT THAT THIS IS U.S. PRACTICE WE ARE FOLLOWING WITH REGARD TO JOINT COMMISSIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES AND WE WOULD NOT WISH TO DEVIATE IN

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THIS CASE. WE BELIEVE, FURTHERMORE, THAT SENDING GOVERN-

MENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF EXPENSES FOR ITS DELEGATION SIMPLIFIES ARRANGEMENTS AND PROVIDES FOR MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY IN SIZE OF DELEGATION AND TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION. FYI: IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO BE FIRM IN THIS POSITION, SINCE IT

HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT FUNDS ARE NOT REPEAT NOT AVAILABLE TO COVER EXPENSES HERE OF ANSARY AND IRANIAN DELEGATION. NASS CAN BRIEF YOU FURTHER. END FYI.

3. WE ARE REQUESTING APPOINTMENT FOR ANSARY WITH PRESIDENT FORD BUT CANNOT NOW MAKE COMMITMENT. WE WILL BE HAPPY TO HELP ON REQUESTS FOR ANSARY APPOINTMENTS WITH CABINET OFFICERS, AND ARE PREPARED TO COORDINATE THROUGH IRANIAN EMBASSY OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER ANSARY MAY DESIRE.

4. HOSPITALITY. FYI: SECRETARY HAS AGREED HOST DINNER ON MARCH 3. WE ANTICIPATE THERE WILL BE ONE OR TWO LUNCHEONS HOSTED BY U.S. SIDE. END FYI. YOU MAY TELL GOI WE PLAN TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE HOSPITALITY.
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